



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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March 21, 2019

FOIA Request: VHA-19-04790-F

Jasper Craven
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Dear Mr. Craven:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your February 27, 2019 request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), FOIA Service requesting all emails between Dr. Michael Fallon (Michael.fallon@va.gov), Gabrielle Saunders (Saunders@va.gov), Stephanie McGovern (Stephanie.mcgovern@va.gov), Jake Leinenkugel and all officials in VA leadership (<https://www.va.gov/opa/bios/>) concerning service dogs for PTSD between Jan. 1 2017 and present day. Keywords include: "ptsd" "dog" "canine" "study" "results" "evidence" and "price."

Your request was referred to the Veteran Health Administration (VHA) Central Office FOIA Office. Your FOIA request was received in my office on March 15, 2019. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. In addition, we have placed your request in the complex category

We will search for records responsive to your FOIA request that were gathered or created by the VHA Central Office on or before March 15, 2019. When we have completed our search for records responsive to your FOIA request, we will send you another letter telling you the results of that search and our next step in processing your request.

Your request has been assigned to me. If you have any questions about your request, you may contact me at 319-530-7694.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amber Heim", is written over a horizontal line.

Amber Heim
VHA FOIA Officer